

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 2, line 24 of the specification as follows:

The invention disclosed in pending U. S. Patent Application No. 09/413,036, filed 10/06/1999 [], entitled "Method and Apparatus For Controlling Reverse Link Interference Rise And Power Control Instability In A Wireless System," by Gandhi et al, discloses a method for avoiding system instability and/or overload by determining whether or not a new call should be given access to a system. In the aforementioned patent application, the cell site simultaneously estimates and maintains several parameters needed for the overload control decision. These parameters include relative interference rise over the thermal noise floor RSSI rise, loading, reverse frame error rate (RFER), and dropped call rate. Depending on implementation complexity, different subsets of these parameters are used for the control decision. The RSSI rise is measured directly at the cell site and processed appropriately via sampling and statistical averaging to reduce the impact of instantaneous variations in the received signal caused by short term effects such as voice activity, fading, access probes, etc.